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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 March 2010.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 July 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SI.08)
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DETAILED ACTION

This communication is in response to amendments filed 03/16/2010. Claim 14 has been amended. Claims 22 and 23 are new. Claims 1-23 are currently pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 1, 3-4, 6, 9, 15, 17-18 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi et al. (US 6,266,109) in view of Yamaguchi (US 6,738,054).

In reference to claim 1, Yamaguchi '109 teaches a display apparatus, comprising display elements including a medium injected and sealed between a pair of substrates at least one of which is transparent (Yamaguchi '109, col. 11, ll. 39-46),

the medium changing in magnitude of optical anisotropy upon application of voltage (Yamaguchi '109, Abstract; col. 1, ll. 45-50),

each of the display elements containing colors required to produce a color image display, so as to produce a color image display (Yamaguchi '109, col. 1, ll. 9-12).

Yamaguchi '109 however fails to teach different voltages being applied to the display elements so as to display the colors required to produce a color image display with an identical gradation.

Yamaguchi '054 discloses an image display device, analogous in art with that of Yamaguchi '109, comprising different voltages being applied to the display elements so as to display the colors required to produce a color image display with an identical gradation (Yamaguchi '054, Abstract; col. 2, ll. 25-30; col. 7, ll. 18-27; col. 10, ll. 1-6).

At the time the invention was made it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the image display device of Yamaguchi '109 to comprise different voltages being applied to the display elements so as to display the colors required to produce a color image display with an identical gradation, as taught by Yamaguchi '054).

As one of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate, the suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to display a high quality image that is suppressed in visible flicker (Yamaguchi '054, col. 2, ll. 25-30).

Claim 3 is rejected as being dependent on rejected claim 1 as discussed above and further, Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 teaches wherein the colors required to produce a color image display are three colors of RGB (Yamaguchi '109, col. 13, ll. 37-40).

In reference to claim 4, Yamaguchi '109 teaches a display apparatus, comprising: display elements including a medium injected and sealed between a pair of substrates at least one of which is transparent (Yamaguchi '109, col. 11, ll. 39-46),

the medium changing in magnitude of optical anisotropy upon application of voltage (Yamaguchi '109, Abstract; col. 1, ll. 45-50),

each of the display elements containing colors to produce a color image display, so as to produce a color image display (Yamaguchi '109, col. 1, ll. 9-12),

and wherein the medium exhibits optical isotropy in absence of an electric field and exhibits optical anisotropy under applied voltage (Yamaguchi '109, col. 3, ll. 21-35).

Yamaguchi '109 however fails to teach different voltages being applied to the display elements so as to display the colors required to produce a color image display with an identical gradation.

Yamaguchi '054 discloses an image display device, analogous in art with that of Yamaguchi '109, comprising different voltages being applied to the display elements so as to display the colors required to produce a color image display with an identical gradation (Yamaguchi '054, Abstract; col. 2, ll. 25-30; col. 7, ll. 18-27; col. 10, ll. 1-6).

At the time the invention was made it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the image display device of Yamaguchi '109 to comprise different voltages being applied to the display elements so as to display the colors required to produce a color image display with an identical gradation, as taught by Yamaguchi '054).

As one of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate, the suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to display a high quality image that is suppressed in visible flicker (Yamaguchi '054, col. 2, ll. 25-30).

Claim 6 is rejected as being dependent on rejected claim 1 as discussed above and further, Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 teaches wherein the medium is comprised by molecules having an ordered structure less than optical wavelengths either under applied voltage or in absence of applied voltage (Yamaguchi '109, col. 9, ll. 51-58).

Claim 9 is rejected as being dependent on rejected claim 1 as discussed above and further, Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 teaches wherein the

medium is comprised by a liquid crystal microemulsion (Yamaguchi '109, col. 5, ll. 24-40; col. 6, ll. 45-64).

In reference to claim 15, Yamaguchi '109 teaches a display element in a display apparatus (Yamaguchi '109, col. 11, ll. 39-46),

comprising: each display element containing colors required to produce a color image display, so as to produce a color image display (Yamaguchi '109, col. 1, ll. 9-12),

a medium being injected and sealed between a pair of substrates at least one of which is transparent (Yamaguchi '109, col. 11, ll. 39-46),

the medium changing in magnitude of optical anisotropy upon application of voltage (Yamaguchi '109, Abstract; col. 1, ll. 45-50).

Yamaguchi '109 however fails to teach different voltages being applied to the display elements so as to display the colors required to produce a color image display with an identical gradation.

Yamaguchi '054 discloses an image display device, analogous in art with that of Yamaguchi '109, comprising different voltages being applied to the display elements so as to display the colors required to produce a color image display with an identical gradation (Yamaguchi '054, Abstract; col. 2, ll. 25-30; col. 7, ll. 18-27; col. 10, ll. 1-6).

At the time the invention was made it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the image display device of Yamaguchi '109 to comprise different voltages being applied to the display elements so as to display the

colors required to produce a color image display with an identical gradation, as taught by Yamaguchi '054).

As one of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate, the suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to display a high quality image that is suppressed in visible flicker (Yamaguchi '054, col. 2, ll. 25-30).

Claim 17 is rejected as being dependent on rejected claim 4 as discussed above and further, Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 teaches wherein the colors required to produce a color image display are the three colors of RGB (Yamaguchi '109, col. 13, ll. 37-40).

Claim 18 is rejected as being dependent on rejected claim 4 as discussed above and further, Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 teaches wherein the medium is comprised by molecules having an ordered structure less than the optical wavelengths either under applied voltage or in absence of applied voltage (Yamaguchi '109, col. 9, ll. 51-58).

Claim 22 is rejected as being dependent on rejected claim 15 as discussed above and further Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 teaches wherein the medium exhibits optical isotropy in absence of an electrical field and exhibits optical anisotropy under applied voltage (Yamaguchi '109, col. 3, ll. 21-35).

Claims 2, 8, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi et al. (US 6,266,109) as modified by Yamaguchi (US 6,738,054) and further in view of Takeuchi et al. (US 2001/0024178).

Claim 2 is rejected as being dependent on rejected claim 1 as discussed above and further, Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 however fails to teach wherein the voltages applied are determined based on a lookup table which associates gradations of an image displayed by the display apparatus with the voltages applied to the display elements.

Takeuchi discloses a display system, analogous in art with that of Yamaguchi, wherein the voltages applied are determined based on a lookup table which associates gradations of an image displayed by the display apparatus with the voltages applied to the display elements (Takeuchi, pg. 22, par. 378-379).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the display device of Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 wherein the voltages applied are determined based on a lookup table which associates gradations of an image displayed by the display apparatus with the voltages applied to the display elements, as taught by Takeuchi.

As one of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate, the suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been a display with memory and table creation for storing luminance correction data for correcting a luminance dispersion of the display (Takeuchi, pg. 3, par. 37).

Claim 8 is rejected as being dependent on rejected claim 1 as discussed above and further, Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 however fails to teach wherein the medium is comprised by molecules showing a cubic phase or a smectic D phase.

Takeuchi discloses a display system, analogous in art with that of Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054, wherein the medium is comprised by molecules showing a cubic phase or a smectic D phase (Takeuchi, pg. 8, par. 170).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the display device of Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 wherein the medium is comprised by molecules showing a cubic phase or a smectic D phase, as taught by Takeuchi.

As one of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate, the suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been the addition of strength, toughness, and durability (Takeuchi, pg. 8, par. 170).

Claim 16 is rejected as being dependent on rejected claim 4 as discussed above and further, Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 however fails to teach wherein the voltages applied are determined based on a lookup table which associates gradations of an image displayed by the display apparatus with the voltages applied to the display elements.

Takeuchi discloses a display system, analogous in art with that of Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054, wherein the voltages applied are determined based on a lookup table which associates gradations of an image displayed by the display apparatus with the voltages applied to the display elements (Takeuchi, pg. 22, par. 378-379).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the display device of Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 wherein the voltages applied are determined based on a lookup table which associates gradations of an image displayed by the display apparatus with the voltages applied to the display elements, as taught by Takeuchi.

As one of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate, the suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been a display with memory and table creation for storing luminance correction data for correcting a luminance dispersion of the display (Takeuchi, pg. 3, par. 37).

Claims 5, 20, 21 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi et al. (US 6,266,109) as modified by Yamaguchi (US 6,738,054) and further in view of Yoo et al. (US 6,636,289).

In reference to claim 5, Yamaguchi '109 teaches a display apparatus, comprising: display elements including a medium injected and sealed between a pair of substrates at least one of which is transparent (Yamaguchi '109, col. 11, ll. 39-46),

the medium changing in magnitude of optical anisotropy upon application of voltage (Yamaguchi '109, Abstract; col. 1, ll. 45-50),

each of the display elements containing colors to produce a color image display, so as to produce a color image display (Yamaguchi '109, col. 1, ll. 9-12).

Yamaguchi '109 however fails to teach different voltages being applied to the display elements so as to display the colors required to produce a color image display with an identical gradation.

Yamaguchi '054 discloses an image display device, analogous in art with that of Yamaguchi '109, comprising different voltages being applied to the display elements so as to display the colors required to produce a color image display with an identical gradation (Yamaguchi '054, Abstract; col. 2, ll. 25-30; col. 7, ll. 18-27; col. 10, ll. 1-6).

At the time the invention was made it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the image display device of Yamaguchi '109 to comprise different voltages being applied to the display elements so as to display the colors required to produce a color image display with an identical gradation, as taught by Yamaguchi '054).

As one of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate, the suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to display a high quality image that is suppressed in visible flicker (Yamaguchi '054, col. 2, ll. 25-30).

Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 however fails to teach wherein the medium exhibits optical anisotropy in absence of an electric field and exhibits optical isotropy under applied voltage.

Yoo discloses a liquid crystal display medium, analogous in art with that of Yamaguchi, wherein the medium exhibits optical anisotropy in absence of an electric field and exhibits optical isotropy under applied voltage (Yoo, col. 1, ll. 19-30; Fig. 24A, col. 16, ll. 20-34).

At the time the invention was made it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the liquid crystal medium of Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 wherein the medium exhibits optical anisotropy in absence of an electric field and exhibits optical isotropy under applied voltage, as taught by Yoo.

As one of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate, the suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to achieve a fast response time (Yoo, col. 6, ll. 1-7).

Claim 20 is rejected as being dependent on rejected claim 5 as discussed above and further, Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 and Yoo teaches wherein the colors required to produce a color image display are three colors of RGB (Yamaguchi '109, col. 13, ll. 37-40).

Claim 21 is rejected as being dependent on rejected claim 5 as discussed above and further, Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 and Yoo teaches wherein the medium is comprised by molecules having an ordered structure less than optical wavelengths either under applied voltage or in the absence of applied voltage (Yamaguchi '109, col. 9, ll. 51-58).

Claim 23 is rejected as being dependent on rejected claim 15 as discussed above and further, Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 however fails to teach wherein the medium exhibits optical anisotropy in absence of an electric field and exhibits optical isotropy under applied voltage.

Yoo discloses a liquid crystal display medium, analogous in art with that of Yamaguchi, wherein the medium exhibits optical anisotropy in absence of an electric field and exhibits optical isotropy under applied voltage (Yoo, col. 1, ll. 19-30; Fig. 24A, col. 16, ll. 20-34).

At the time the invention was made it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the liquid crystal medium of Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 wherein the medium exhibits optical anisotropy in absence of an electric field and exhibits optical isotropy under applied voltage, as taught by Yoo.

As one of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate, the suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to achieve a fast response time (Yoo, col. 6, ll. 1-7).

Claims 7 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi et al. (US 6,266,109) as modified by Yamaguchi (US 6,738,054) and further in view of Haertling (US 4,636,786).

Claim 7 is rejected as being dependent on rejected claim 1 as discussed above and further, Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054) however fails to teach wherein the medium has an ordered structure showing cubic symmetry.

Haertling discloses a display device medium, analogous in art with that of Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054, wherein the medium has an ordered structure showing cubic symmetry (Haertling, col. 2, ll. 65-col. 3, ll. 6).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the display device medium of Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 wherein the medium has an ordered structure showing cubic symmetry, as taught by Haertling.

As one of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate, the suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to achieve high contrast, increased brightness, wide viewing angle, and reduced operating voltages (Haertling, col. 1, ll. 7-17).

Claim 11 is rejected as being dependent on rejected claim 1 as discussed above and further, Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 however fails to disclose wherein the medium is comprised by a liquid crystal fine particle dispersion system showing any one of a micelle phase, a reverse micelle phase, a sponge phase, and a cubic phase.

Haertling discloses display device medium, analogous in art with that of Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054, wherein the medium is comprised by a liquid crystal fine particle dispersion system showing any one of a micelle phase, a reverse micelle phase, a sponge phase, and a cubic phase (Haertling, col. 5, ll. 43-45; col. 2, ll. 65-68).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the display device medium of Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 wherein the medium is comprised by a liquid crystal fine particle dispersion system showing any one of a micelle phase, a reverse micelle phase, a sponge phase, and a cubic phase, as taught by Haertling.

As one of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate, the suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been a display with increased properties of brightness, greater contrast, and improved resolution (Haertling, col. 5, ll. 6-9).

Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi et al. (US 6,266,109) as modified by Yamaguchi (US 6,738,054) and further in view of Lavretovich et al. (US 6,570,632).

Claim 10 is rejected as being dependent on rejected claim 1 as discussed above and further, Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 however fails to teach wherein the medium is comprised by a lyotropic liquid crystal showing any one of a micelle phase, a reverse micelle phase, a sponge phase, and a cubic phase.

Lavretovich discloses a liquid crystal cell, analogous in art with that of Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054, wherein the medium is comprised by a lyotropic liquid crystal showing any one of a micelle phase, a reverse micelle phase, a sponge phase, and a cubic phase (Lavretovich, col. 2, ll. 1-17; micelle phase).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the liquid crystal cell of Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 to comprise a lyotropic liquid crystal showing any one of a micelle phase, a reverse micelle phase, a sponge phase, and a cubic phase, as taught by Lavretovich.

As one of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate, the suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to achieve a perpendicular alignment as the preferred orientation (Lavretovich, col. 1, ll. 53-67).

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi et al. (US 6,266,109) as modified by Yamaguchi (US 6,738,054) in view of Kenji (Patent Abstracts Of Japan, Publication number 09-243984).

Claim 12 is rejected as being dependent on rejected claim 1 as discussed above and further, Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 however fails to teach wherein the medium is comprised by a dendrimer.

Kenji discloses a liquid crystal element, analogous in art with that of Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054, wherein the medium is comprised by a dendrimer (Kenji, Abstract).

At the time the invention was made it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the liquid crystal medium of Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 to comprise a dendrimer, as taught by Kenji.

As one of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate, the suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to lower the driving voltage (Kenji, Abstract).

Claims 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi et al. (US 6,266,109) as modified by Yamaguchi (US 6,738,054) and further in view of Sato et al. (US 2003/0039770).

Claims 13 and 14 are rejected as being dependent on rejected claim 1 as discussed above and further, Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 however fails to teach wherein the medium is comprised by molecules showing a colesteric blue phase, and showing a smectic blue phase.

Sato discloses a liquid crystal display, analogous in art with that of Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054, wherein the medium is comprised by molecules showing a colesteric blue phase, and a smectic blue phase (Sato, pg. 5, par. 44)

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the liquid crystal display of Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054, wherein the medium is comprised by molecules showing a colesteric blue phase, and showing a smectic blue phase, as taught by Sato.

As one of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate, the suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been to broaden the temperature range of the display medium (Sato, pg. 5, par. 44).

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamaguchi et al. (US 6,266,109) as modified by Yamaguchi (US 6,738,054) and Yoo et al. (US 6,636,289), and further in view of Takeuchi et al. (US 2001/0024178).

Claim 19 is rejected as being dependent on rejected claim 5 as discussed above and further, Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 and Yoo however fails to teach wherein the voltages applied are determined based on a lookup table which associates gradations of an image displayed by the display apparatus with the voltages applied to the display elements.

Takeuchi discloses a display system, analogous in art with that of Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 and Yoo, wherein the voltages applied are determined based on a lookup table which associates gradations of an image displayed by the display apparatus with the voltages applied to the display elements (Takeuchi, pg. 22, par. 378-379).

At the time the invention was made, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify the display device of Yamaguchi '109 as modified by Yamaguchi '054 and Yoo wherein the voltages applied are determined based on a lookup table which associates gradations of an image displayed by the display apparatus with the voltages applied to the display elements, as taught by Takeuchi.

As one of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate, the suggestion/motivation for doing so would have been a display with memory and table creation for storing

luminance correction data for correcting a luminance dispersion of the display (Takeuchi, pg. 3, par. 37).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

As to independent claims 1, 4-5 and 15 applicants argue on pages 8-10 of applicants response that the cited prior art of record fails to teach or suggest different voltages being applied to the display elements so as to display the colors required to produce a color image display with an identical gradation.

Yamaguchi '054 teaches different voltages being applied to the display elements so as to display the colors required to produce a color image display with an identical gradation (Yamaguchi '054, Abstract; col. 2, ll. 25-30; col. 7, ll. 18-27; col. 10, ll. 1-6).

Yamaguchi '054 discloses an image display with reduced flicker comprising identical image data of a reduced gradation (Yamaguchi '054, Abstract) wherein voltages are supplied to secure a gradation resolution and brightness resolution that are equal to the supplied identical image data (Yamaguchi '054, col. 2, ll. 25-30; col. 7, ll. 18-27), and providing identical gradation (Yamaguchi '054, col. 10, ll. 1-6).

Therefore, Yamaguchi '054 teaches different voltages being applied to the display elements so as to display the colors required to produce a color image display with an identical gradation.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHARLES HICKS whose telephone number is 571-270-7535. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:30 to 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sumati Lefkowitz, can be reached on 571-272-3638. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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